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RAJYA SABHA

Time taken by courts in disposal of cases

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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that courts in the country take more time to dispose of the cases in comparison to the developed countries of the world;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the average time taken by the Supreme Court of India, High courts, Districts Courts and Subordinate Courts to dispose of civil and criminal cases; and

(d) the assessment regarding the time taken for the same in USA, England, Japan, France and other European countries?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ):

(a) and (b) There is no authentic comprehensive study on a 'similar type case to case' bases comparison of 'time taken by courts in this country to dispose of cases with that taken by courts of the developed countries of the world. While some courts in this country would have taken comparatively more time to dispose of specific cases there are instances of courts delivering judgements and disposing of cases very promptly.

(c) Information has been called for from the Supreme Court and the various High Courts.

(d) Such information is not available.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.